

## **2023 IJRU Hybrid General Congress Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023**

**Time: 9:00AM – 11:52AM MDT**

**Venue: Robson Arena, Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA & Microsoft Teams**

**Purpose: Hybrid General Congress**

**Attendees:**

**IJRU Board Members:**

President – Shaun Hamilton

Executive Vice President – Takashi Ogawa

Secretary General – Rochelle Boggs

Treasurer – Luke Winstanley

Africa – Keolebogile Mokolopo-Meyer, (Online)

Asia – Michael Chanyanghui, Jun Haratake, Mitra Rouhi Dehkordited (Online)

Europe – Silke Fürnschuß, Nadia Aidli (Online)

Oceania – Luke Winstanley, Kirralee Larkin

Pan America – Ernesto Hernandez, Maria del Sol Rodriguez Lopez (Online)

**Apologies:**

Secretary General – Janet Locke (WC work)

Technical Committee Chairperson- Monica Foster (WC work)

**Sanctions:** Legal Representative – Kate Libova (WADA vs. RUSADA)

**Absent:**

Africa – Moagi Sharp

Europe – Kurt Moens

Athlete's Council – Illyes Debbah

**2023 NGB Delegates:**

Australia – Kirralee Larkin, Karen Binns

Austria – Gerhard Blümel, Laura Göttfert

Belgium – Simon Mahy

Canada – Samuel Faris, Cameron Short

China – Yan Zhang (Online and in person)

Chinese Taipei – Yue Ying Lu (Online and in person)

Czech Republic – Martina Varkočková (Online), Olga Kepková

Denmark – Ulla Christensen, Nanna Christiansen

France – Nadia Aidli (Online), Bree Maraux

Germany – Uwe Nielsen, Hanno Kramer

Greece – Eleni Touloumenidou (Online)

Hong Kong, China – Man Ka Koy (Online)

Hungary – Judit Apostol-Kivacs (Online)

India – Shazad Khan, Nathuram Jat (Online and in person)

I.R. Iran – Mitra Rouhi (Online)

Italy – Canoci Chiara (Online)

Japan – Jun Haratake, Akitoshi Moriguchi

Malaysia – Habibah A. Hamid (Online)

Netherlands – Tessa Van der Mark

Puerto Rico – Roberto Acosta Lugo, Mahaletth Vega (Interpreter: Roberto Nieves Gallardo)

Republic of Korea – Daejung Kim, Mr. Kim

Singapore – Lui Peng Hui (Online)  
Slovakia – Pavlina Hadova (Online), Bošková Katarina  
South Africa – Sonopo Tshilwone  
Sweden – Ann Nässel, Liv Murmark  
Switzerland – Matthias Zedi  
Thailand – Nutchapol Tanchareon (Online), Angkana Hiranprueck (Online)  
United States – Brian Hsu, Anita Gabel

**2023 Observers Present with no vote:**

Guatemala – Juan Carlos Abac

**2023 Continental Observers:**

Africa – Seate Mpho  
Europe – Nicolai Lorke, (Online), Sebastien Hoek  
Pan America – Maria del Sol Rodriguez Lopez (Online)

**Guests:**

IJRU IP Committee – Andrej Kyselica  
IJRU Championship Organizing Committee Chairperson – Ann Nordin  
IJRU Ethics Panel Chairperson – Allysa Ciancio  
IJRU Finance Committee member, Doug Blankenship  
AI Presentation – Eric Kyselica, Dylan Plummer, Brandon Young  
Kawasaki, Japan Presentation - Mr. Takashi Ishitoko

**Volunteers:**

General Congress Assistant (Timekeeper) – Jessica Nicholson  
General Congress Assistant (AGM voters app) – Svante Bengtson  
General Congress Assistant IT operations – Sophia Richmond

**Agenda**

**00. Instructions – Navigating Microsoft Teams & Performing a Test Vote – This meeting was recorded, General Congress is being presented in PowerPoint**

- **00.1 Instructions were given regarding how to use the GC application for voting.**
- **00.2 IJRU is recording this meeting. Private recordings are prohibited.**
- **00.3 Those serving as the voting Scrutineers at the IJRU BOD Election are, (Mrs. Bree Maraux of France and Allysa Ciancio of Canada)**
- **00.4 Logistics for how to use the “Raising hand’s function” and the Chat box were reviewed**

**01. Attendance and Establishment of Quorum**

- **01.1 IJRU Board of Directors in attendance were noted by the Secretary General**
- **01.2 2023 NGB Delegates- taken via @agm vote.com**
- **01.3 Guests: Mr. Andrej Kyselica, Miss Allysa Ciancio, Mr. Doug Blankenship, Mr. Eric Kyselica, Mr. Dylan Plummer, Mr. Brandon Young, Mrs. Ann Nordin, Mr. Takashi Ishitoko**

Roll was taken of the Board of Directors and member countries. The 50% quorum = 29 countries out of the total of 41 full and provisional member countries eligible to vote are present at this time. A Quorum was established.

**02. Welcome and Opening of the IJRU General Congress**

- **02.1 Declaration of the 5<sup>th</sup> IJRU General Congress is convened by the presiding officer, President Shaun Hamilton.**
- **02.2 Confidentiality Statement was reviewed by President Hamilton**

### 03. Agenda of the 5<sup>th</sup> IJRU General Congress

- **Motion:** *To accept the 5<sup>th</sup> IJRU Hybrid General Congress Agenda.*  
**Discussion:** None  
**Outcome:** Carried (25 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain)

### 04. Minutes of the October 1, 2022 IJRU General Congress

- **Motion:** *To accept the minutes of the 2022 IJRU Virtual General Congress.*  
**Discussion:** Questions on the update of members fees  
**Outcome:** Carried (22 yes, 0 no, 3 Abstain)

### 05. President's Address – “Now is the Time!”

- The President's Address “*Now is the Time*”, was given by Shaun Hamilton, president of IJRU. The president talked about the milestones and successes achieved by IJRU. Olympic Channel, WADA signatory, AJRU Asia Olympic group. He addressed the importance of being unified noting that with success comes responsibility. He discussed the use IJRU intellectual properties by NGBs. He stressed that the time is now to participate in committees, financial stability, invest in athletes and that NGBs must seek recognition from the highest sporting authority in their respective country. He encouraged them to accept the challenge, develop relationships with countries, and communities, and develop partners without cost to NGBs.

### 06. Special Guest Presentation – Mr. Takashi Ishitoko

- **06.1 Kawasaki, Japan – Congratulations, Information and overview of the city.**  
Kawasaki is a city of sports, in particular soccer and street culture. The city has produced several championships. Information was provided regarding the competition venue and its location in the city. A short video followed the PowerPoint. More information will be provided as the date approaches.

### 07. Membership

- Where a single organization from a National Governing Body made an application under C7.1 and C8 of the Constitution
- **07.1 New Full Status**
  - **07.1.1 Somali Jump Rope Association (November 12, 2022)**  
**Motion:** *To approve the Somalia Jump Rope Federation as a full member in IJRU upon receipt of all fees.*  
**Discussion:** None  
**Outcome:** Carried (22 yes, 0 no, 6 abstain)
- **07.2 New Provisional Status**
  - **07.2.1 The Nederlandse Rope Skipping Organisatie, (NRSO)**  
**Motion:** *To advance Nederlandse Rope Skipping Organisatie, NRSO, to Provisional member status in IJRU upon receipt of all fees.*  
**Discussion:** None  
**Outcome:** Carried (21 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstain)

- **07.3 New Observer Status**

### 07.3.1 The Ireland Jump Rope Association, (IJRA)

**Motion:** *It has been proposed that Ireland Jump Rope Association be recognized as an Observer in IJRU upon receipt of all fees.*

**Discussion:** Question arose about being able to have communication with this organization.

**Outcome: Carried** (22 yes, 0 no, 6 abstain)

- **07.5 Membership Update**

- 07.5.1 **63 Total members**

- 07.5.2 **26 Full members**

- 07.5.3 **23 Provisional members**

- 07.5.4 **14 Observer status members**

## 08. Technical Presentation – Andrej Kyselica, Eric Kyselica, Dylan Plummer, Brandon Young

- Technologies Andrej Kyselica – Demonstration was on Video and in real time.
- Phase 1: Application of AI and machine learning was brought forth on how it would be applied to our sport. Will be build into competition as confidence is built.
- Instant part and a delayed part. We can observe how many jumps per second and counting both feet.
- Showed us a distribution of jumps from this past week.
- Jumper needs to be in the foreground.
- Put AI judge as a 4<sup>th</sup> into the station.

## 09. Finances – Mr. Luke Winstanley

- **09.1 Treasurer Report consisted of the following:**

- **Financial Statement of Activity – January - December 2022**
  - **2023 World Championships Budget,**
  - **Financial Position of IJRU as of 20 July 2023**
  - **IJRU’s Forecasted Budget 2024 – 2025**

These documents are found in the PowerPoint presentation link as noted in section 03 of these minutes.

- **09.2 Call to Action includes:**

- **Membership to Finance Committee**
  - **Review of IJRU membership Eco System**
  - **Strategic Financial Management Guidelines**

## 10. Policies

- **10.1 Safe Sport Policy as presented by Allysa Ciancio**

The Safe Sport Policy has been available to members during the past month. No comments have been received. Prior to the World Championship event there was a required safe sport training video for all to watch who were participating in the championships. This document represents IJRU’s commitment to advancing a respectful sport culture for all participants. IJRU strives for quality, inclusiveness, assessable, welcoming, and safe sport experiences for all.

**Motion:** To accept the IJRU Safe Sport Policy.

**Discussion: None**

**Outcome: Carried** (21 yes, 0 no, 7 abstain)

- **10.2 World Record Policy as presented by Silke Fürnschuß**

The IJRU World Record Policy has been available for membership review for the past month on the

IJRU website. The history of bringing together world records from our founding organizations, (FISAC-IRSF and WJRF) a single listing of world records was developed and is now brought forth to be accepted and recognized by IJRU. The IJRU World Record Policy has been set up and used at the current 2023 IJRU World Championships. We know there is room for improvement as we have been made aware of a discrepancy that is under scrutiny and review by the committee. At this time, the IJRU BODs would like the NGBs to ratify the 1<sup>st</sup> version of the IJRU World Record Policy knowing that continued work to make improvements to the document. Followings the updates and revisions the document will be made available to all in the coming months.

**Motion:** *To accept the IJRU World Record Policy as a 1<sup>st</sup> version.*

**Discussion:** None

**Outcome:** **Carried** (21 yes, 0 no, 7 abstain)

## 11. Selected Committee Reports

- **11.1 2023 Championship Organizing Committee Update** – Ann Nordin  
A synopsis of the 2023 World Championship was presented by Ann Nordin the chair of this committee. This year's event had 24 NGBs and 1,523 total participants, (1.192 athletes, 273 judges, 243 coaches, 53 non officials, 112 volunteers, and 48 event makers. The estimated hours spent on all phases of the WC were roughly 3,720+ hour. It was reported that there were over 10,360 meals served at the 2023 WC.
- **11.2 Update on ADeL – Adult Education Learning Platform** – This is a required activity for IJRU by WADA. Slide info reviewed, IJRU Current enrollment at 623 with Course status percentages reviewed. IJRU is happy to report that NGBs who made ADeL course completing a priority to come to the 2023 WC include: Australia and South Africa. The President congratulated the leadership of these NGBs who are committing to the forward movement of our IF.

## 12.Continental Reports

- **12.1 Due to meeting time constraints, The Continental Reports will be placed on the IJRU website for future review.**
  - 12.1.1 Asian Jump Rope Union (AJRU)**  
The Asian Jump Rope Union (AJRU) report was presented by Mr. Michael Chanyanghui, president of AJRU.
  - 12.1.2 Europe – European Rope Skipping Organization (ERSO)**  
The European Rope Skipping Organisation (ERSO) report was presented by Mrs. Silke Fürnschuß, president of ERSO.
  - 12.1.3 Africa – Africa Jump Rope Federation (AJRF)**  
The Africa Jump Rope Federation, (AJRF) report was presented by Mrs. Keo Mokolopo-Meyer, president of AJRF.
  - 12.1.4 Oceania – There is currently no Federation for Oceania**  
A report on the activities of jump rope in parts of the area including mainly Australia has been added by Mr. Luke Winstanley.
  - 12.1.5 Pan America – Pan American Jump Rope Federation (PAJRF)**  
The Pan America Jump Rope Federation, (PAJRF) report was presented by Mr. Ernesto Hernandez, president of PAJRF.

## 12 Meeting Leadership change in the Presiding Officer of the 2023 General Congress

## **11 Elections, Appointed Members of the IJRU Board of Director– Miss Allysa Ciancio**

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> official IJRU Board of Directors Election since the IJRU was constituted in 2018.

### **11.1 Election Policy and Procedure.**

For Election purposes and as a matter of policy, the Presiding Officer IJRU President Shaun Hamilton and IJRU Treasurer Luke Winstanley were asked to vacate their positions at this time as these positions are now available for the election. Due to the newly vacated role of the IJRU President, Takashi Ogawa, the Executive Vice President will now assume the office of the IJRU President and lead this General Congress to its meeting conclusion. For process refer to IJRU Constitution (C 17.3). At this point, IJRU President Takashi Ogawa will turn over the Election process to Allysa Ciancio the Ethics Panel Chairperson.

## **12.2 Election of the Continental Member at Large**

### **12.2.1 European Rope Skipping Organisation, ERSO**

**Motion:** *To accept the following candidate as Continental Member at Large from the European Rope skipping Organization, ERSO. For a term of two years. (2023 – 2025), Mr. Kurt Moens.*

**Discussion:** None

**Vote is closed and Scrutineers confirm the results**

**Outcome: Carried** (22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

### **12.2.2 European Rope Skipping Organisation, ERSO**

**Motion:** *To accept the following candidate as Continental Member at Large from the European Rope skipping Organization, ERSO. For a term of four years. (2023 – 2027), Ms. Nadia Aidli.*

**Discussion:** None

**Vote is closed and Scrutineers confirm the results**

**Outcome: Carried** (21yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

### **12.2.3 Election of the Continental Vice-Presidents**

Functioning Continental Organisations in the IJRU include: Africa, Asia, Europe and Pan America. These organisations voted on their recommendations for the position of Continental President and are now submitted for ratification of the IJRU General Congress. The Continental President additionally hold a seat on the IJRU BOD as a Vice-President.

**Motion:** *To accept the following candidates as Continental Vice Presidents from their respective Continental Organisations for a term of four years, (term is 2023 – 2027:*

AJRU – Mr. Michael Chan

ERSO – Mrs. Silke Fürnschuß

PAJRF – Ms. Maria Del Sol Rodriguez Lopez

**Discussion:** None

**Vote is closed and Scrutineers confirm the results**

**Outcome: Carried** (22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

## **12.3. Election of the IJRU Treasurer- a four-year term.**

The position of Treasurer on the IJRU BOD is an elected one. One candidate has come forward for the position. Mr. Luke Winstanley. The Scrutineers for vote verification are Bree Maraux and Allysa Ciancio. Voting instructions were reviewed and are as follows: Vote of “Yes” is to

choose the named candidate as the Treasurer of IJRU. A vote of “No” is to reopen the procedure of two-month nominations for candidates for the office. The process does not allow for nominations from the floor.

**Motion:** *To accept Mr. Luke Winstanley as a candidate for the position of IJRU Treasurer for a term of four years, (term is 2023 – 2027).*

**Discussion:** None

**Vote is closed and Scrutineers confirm the results**

**Outcome: Carried** (22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

#### **12.4. Election of the IJRU President- a four-year term.**

The position of President on the IJRU BOD is an elected one. One candidate has come forward for the position. Mr. Shaun Hamilton. The Scrutineers for vote verification are Bree Maraux and Allysa Ciancio. Voting instructions were reviewed and are as follows: Vote of “Yes” is to choose the named candidate as the President of IJRU. A vote of “No” is to reopen the procedure of two-month nominations for candidates for the office. The process does not allow for nominations from the floor.

**Motion:** *To accept Mr. Shaun Hamilton as a candidate for the position of IJRU President for a term of four years, (term is 2023 – 2027).*

**Discussion:** None

**Vote is closed and Scrutineers confirm the results**

**Outcome: Carried** (22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

#### **12.5 Members of the IJRU Board of Directors**

**12.5.1 Secretary General** – The Secretary General will be appointed by the BOD at their first meeting following the General Congress.

**12.5.2 Executive Vice President and Legal Representative** – These positions will be appointed by the President within thirty (30) days following the General Congress.

**12.5.3 Continental Representatives** – The now vacant Continental Representative positions will be appointed by the BOD’s once nominated by their respective Continental Organizations. All position terms of those appointed will run starting at the end of this General Congress regardless of when the specific individual is appointed. These individuals will also be present at future General Congress meetings for ratification.

### **13 Adjournment**

- **Motion:** *To adjourn the 2023 IJRU General Congress.*

**Motion accepted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Locke

Rochelle Boggs

IJRU Co-Secretary Generals (7 total pages)